

for - I long to begin printing but I
fear we shall be delayed by the
Rubiacos - Hooker had worked hard
at them of late and got them far
advanced - but this Atlas Expedition
will have thrown them into the
background

With kindest regards to Mr
Gray Ever yours sincerely
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My dear Gray

Since I last wrote to you I have
got through the remainder of Asteriacos
and the Puccinoides - also the Calceolae
which make a small tribe much more
closely allied to Puccinoides than to
Asteroides - these also I have done
and have begun upon Muticaceae
skipping for the present the true
Synaveses which I believe after all
will be better placed between Asteroides
& Muticaceae than before Puccinoides
as I have of late years thought of
doing - but I cannot make up my
mind till I have done them all. In
the mean time I have been much
delayed by my Adipic which I am sorry
to say has proved a failure. I traced

out too comprehensively. You did
found I had not time to get up all
the necessary information - and then
I can no longer put my ideas into
shape so readily as I used to do. The
day drew near and I had not half
finished and what I had done had to
be remodelled - and still it was very
unsatisfactory but there was no
remedy - such as it was I read it
and sent it to prop. The printer
has been very slow but I hope to
have the copies in a few days when
I will send you one with a duplicate
which I should be much obliged to you
to give in my name to Prop Merrick.

You will have seen Hooker's
letter in the Gardener's Chronicle
His Atlas exploration is a glorious feat
but I long to see him safe back. Last
ten days ago
week we were expecting him for

a telegram came from Mr Shaw (who was
with Hooker & Bell) to his wife to say
that he was at Gibraltar on the 20th
having been up the Atlas - now it
turns out that Mr Shaw came along
leaving Hooker & Bell encamped in
the lower regions of the Atlas & there
came the letter inserted in last
Saturday's Gardener's Chronicle.

We were thinking of leaving town
for a couple of months early in July
but now I think it doubtful - my
inflammation came on again about
six weeks back and both Mr
Merriman and myself have had
bronchitis for some time kept up
by the extraordinary continuance
of cold N. E. wind - and though I
believe we are now going on well
I doubt whether we shall get away
comfortably - probably therefore I
shall be able to go on steadily with my
Compositae which I shall not be sorry